

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 GENEVA 06805 101452Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00
INRE-00 ACDE-00 /026 W
-----071666 101526Z /46
P R 101420Z AUG 77
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0170
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
USMISSION NATO

S E C R E T GENEVA 6805

EXDIS USSALTTWO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PARM
SUBJ: DEPUTY MINISTER SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON REDUCTIONS,
AUGUST 9, 1977 (SALT TWO - 1333)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ON REDUCTIONS DELIVERED BY DEPUTY
MINISTER SEMENOV AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 1977:

SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON REDUCTIONS, AUGUST 9, 1977

THE SOVIET UNION'S APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF REDUCING
THE OVERALL AGGREGATE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES
WAS SET FORTH BY THE USSR DELEGATION AT THE JULY 29, 1977
MEETING.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE SIDES, ARTICLE III OF THE JOINT DRAFT OF THE
NEW AGREEMENT RECORDS THE OBLIGATION OF THE SIDES TO LIMIT
STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO
EXCEED 2,400; ARTICLE V CONTAINS THE MUTUAL OBLIGATION TO
LIMIT STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS TO AN
AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 1,320.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 GENEVA 06805 101452Z

AS YOU KNOW, THE FACT THAT THESE MOST IMPORTANT LIMITA-
TIONS ARE RECORDED IN THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT REFLECTS
THE BALANCE IN STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION MEASURES, AGREED UPON
IN THE UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN OUR STATES AND IN THE RESULTS OF
RELEVANT SOVIET-U.S. NEGOTIATIONS, A BALANCE THAT WAS VALID
AT THE TIME OF THE CORRESPONDING DECISIONS AND WILL REMAIN

VALID THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT OF DEPARTURE IN THE DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT FOR CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF REDUCTIONS. IN WORKING OUT PROVISIONS ON REDUCING THE OVERALL AGGREGATE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES, FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT BEING PREPARED, IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE WHOLE TOTALITY OF FACTORS DETERMINING THE STRATEGIC SITUATION, AND TO BE GUIDED BY THE TASK OF CONSISTENTLY AND STRICTLY EMBODYING IN THE NEW AGREEMENT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY, AGREED BETWEEN THE SIDES.

THE USSR DELEGATION HAS TO REAFFIRM THAT, PROVIDED THE REMAINING QUESTIONS ARE APPROPRIATELY RESOLVED, THE SOVIET SIDE IS PREPARED TO INCLUDE IN THE AGREEMENT A PROVISION TO THE EFFECT THAT AFTER 1980 THE AGGREGATE LEVELS OF DELIVERY VEHICLES BE LOWERED BY 150, I.E., FROM 2,400 TO 2,250. IN PRACTICAL TERMS THIS REDUCTION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT OVER A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1981. THIS PROPOSAL OF THE SOVIET SIDE ON REDUCTIONS IS PRESENTLY STATED IN ARTICLE III, PAR. 2, OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, ACCORDING TO WHICH EACH SIDE UNDERTAKES TO PROCEED, FROM JANUARY 1, 1981, TO A REDUCTION OF THE STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS REFERRED TO IN PAR. 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO LIMIT THEM TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 2,250. IN THIS CONNECTION, ACCORDING TO
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 GENEVA 06805 101452Z

THE APPROACH OF THE SOVIET SIDE, THIS OBLIGATION, LIKE THE OBLIGATION TO LIMIT STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES TO AN AGGREGATE NUMBER NOT TO EXCEED 2,400, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE III, PAR. 1, WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI. SPECIFIC PROCEDURES RELATING TO SUCH REDUCTION WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED ARTICLE XVII, SUBPAR. 2(E).

I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE SCALE AND TIMING PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE FOR REDUCTION OF THE AGGREGATE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS AND WELL CONSIDERED STEP AIMED AT CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. THESE PROPOSALS ARE PROMPTED BY THE TASKS OF IMPLEMENTING THE AGREED PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY AND THE INADMISSIBILITY OF GAINING A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE USSR DELEGATION ALSO REAFFIRMS THE READINESS OF THE SOVIET SIDE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT CURRENTLY BEING WORKED OUT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCING THE LEVELS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREED PROVISION OF

ARTICLE XV OF THE JOINT DRAFT.

MR. AMBASSADOR,

THE APPROCH SET FORTH BY THE SOVIET SIDE TO REDUCING
THE AGGREGATE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES REQUIRES
A CAREFUL ANALYSIS IN ALL ITS TOTALITY, AND IN ITS RELATION-
SHIP TO THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT.
EARLE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, SPEECHES, SALT (ARMS CONTROL), NUCLEAR WEAPONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 10-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977GENEVA06805
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770287-1272
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770878/aaaacnvs.tel
Line Count: 124
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 06d0305d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1650551
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEPUTY MINISTER SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON REDUCTIONS, AUGUST 9, 1977 (SALT TWO - 1333) THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT ON REDUCTIONS DELIVERED
TAGS: PARM, (SEMENOV, V S)
To: STATE USSALTTWO
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/06d0305d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009